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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY NOVEMBER 1988				REVISED OCTOBER 1988				REVISED NOVEMBER 1987			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,930.4	1,745.5	184.9	9.6	1,945.7	1,760.0	185.7	9.5	1,928.7	1,741.9	186.8	9.7
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	61.5	56.0	5.5	9.0	61.5	56.2	5.3	8.6	61.8	56.8	5.0	8.1
Baton Rouge 2/	266.0	242.6	23.4	8.8	267.3	243.9	23.4	8.7	263.9	242.2	21.7	8.2
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	69.9	63.7	6.2	8.9	70.3	64.0	6.3	9.0	70.9	62.9	8.0	11.3
Lafayette 4/	99.6	90.9	8.7	8.7	99.7	90.9	8.8	8.8	99.1	89.6	9.5	9.6
Lake Charles 5/	74.4	66.8	7.6	10.3	74.8	67.2	7.6	10.2	75.2	66.8	8.4	11.2
Monroe 6/	69.0	62.7	6.3	9.2	69.5	63.1	6.4	9.2	70.1	64.1	6.0	8.6
New Orleans 7/	602.3	550.8	51.5	8.6	605.1	552.8	52.3	8.6	598.1	547.2	50.9	8.5
Shreveport 8/	163.4	148.1	15.3	9.4	165.4	149.8	15.6	9.4	166.9	151.6	15.3	9.2

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana, estimated at 1,514,800 for November, increased by 1,500 workers from October's level and by 11,200 workers from the November a year ago figure. A seasonal increase for trade was mainly responsible for the growth in nonmanufacturing employment. Manufacturing employment was up as a result of higher employment in the nondurable goods segment.

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Estimated employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing decreased by 100 workers from the October level of 74,500. Production of communications equipment decreased in November, resulting in lower employment for the electrical and electronic equipment industry. An increase in transportation equipment was centered in the ship and boat building and repairing industry.

Nondurable goods employment, at 97,100, was 200 more than last month, and 1,200 above the November 1987 figure. A seasonal increase in sugarcane processing was mainly responsible for higher employment in the food and kindred products segment.

Nonmanufacturing employment for November was estimated at 1,343,300, an increase of 1,400 from October's revised level of 1,341,900. Mining employment dropped by 100 workers. All segments of construction contributed to the downturn in construction payrolls. Transportation and public utilities payrolls held steady at 105,600 for November. Seasonal increases in general merchandise and apparel and accessories stores accounted for much of the gain in trade employment. Finance, insurance and real estate employment, at 84,000, was unchanged from last month. More business in hotels and other lodging places and more demand for health services were significant in the increase of services employment during November. Payroll additions in local education were largely responsible for the upturn in government employment.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 125,500 production workers in manufacturing increased from $467.99 in October to $479.14 in November, an increase of $11.15, and an increase of $28.22 above November of last year. Average hourly earnings were eight cents lower in November than last month and $0.38 higher than the year-ago figure. Weekly hours averaged 43.4 for the current month, up 0.7 hours from the October revised level of 42.7 hours.

Estimated total unemployment for Louisiana during November amounted to 184,900, a decrease of 800 below the October revised level of 185,700. The unemployment rate for November was 9.6 percent, compared to 9.5 percent for October and 9.7 percent for November 1987. The comparable national unemployment rate for November was 5.2 percent, compared to 5.0 percent in October and 5.6 percent for November of last year. The state's civilian labor force decreased from 1,945,700 in October to 1,930,400 in November, a loss of 15,300. Total employment, estimated at 1,745,700 for the current month, was down by 14,500 over last month's revised figure but was 3,600 above November of last year.

Louisiana's unemployment rate should be lower next month. Retail trade employment should continue upward in response to holiday shopping. Construction and mining employment may fall as a result of winter weather. Manufacturing payrolls may be lower in December.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1988*	Oct. 1988**	Nov. 1987**	Net Change from Oct. 1988	Net Change from Nov. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,514.8	1,513.3	1,503.6	+ 1.5	+11.2
MINING	54.4	54.5	55.1	- 0.1	- 0.7
Oil and Gas Extraction	51.7	51.8	52.4	- 0.1	- 0.7
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	81.4	83.9	80.2	- 2.5	+ 1.2
MANUFACTURING	171.5	171.4	167.9	+ 0.1	+ 3.6
Durable Goods	74.4	74.5	72.0	- 0.1	+ 2.4
Lumber and Wood Products	11.9	12.0	12.3	- 0.1	- 0.4
Furniture and Fixtures	0.6	0.6	0.8	0	- 0.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.6	5.6	5.5	0	+ 0.1
Primary Metal Industries	3.2	3.2	2.8	0	+ 0.4
Fabricated Metal Products	11.9	11.8	11.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Machinery, Except Electrical	9.2	9.3	8.5	- 0.1	+ 0.7
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	6.4	6.8	7.2	- 0.4	- 0.8
Transportation Equipment	22.9	22.6	21.5	+ 0.3	+ 1.4
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.7	2.6	2.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	97.1	96.9	95.9	+ 0.2	+ 1.2
Food & Kindred Products	21.8	21.5	21.8	+ 0.3	0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	9.6	9.7	9.5	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Paper & Allied Products	12.3	12.3	11.8	0	+ 0.5
Printing & Publishing	10.2	10.2	10.2	0	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	26.1	26.0	25.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.4	12.5	12.2	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Petroleum Refining	11.4	11.5	11.3	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.7	4.7	5.0	0	- 0.3
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	105.6	105.6	104.4	0	+ 1.2
Railroad Transportation	5.2	5.2	5.2	0	0
Transportation, ex. Railroads	60.2	60.2	59.2	0	+ 1.0
Water Transportation	22.9	23.1	22.7	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	40.2	40.2	40.0	0	+ 0.2
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.2	18.2	17.9	0	+ 0.3
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.0	22.0	22.1	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	371.0	368.0	367.5	+ 3.0	+ 3.5
Wholesale Trade	83.7	83.9	82.3	- 0.2	+ 1.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	46.3	46.4	45.3	- 0.1	+ 1.0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	37.4	37.5	37.0	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Retail Trade	287.3	284.1	285.2	+ 3.2	+ 2.1
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	61.7	59.2	60.5	+ 2.5	+ 1.2
Food Stores	57.1	57.1	57.5	0	- 0.4
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	31.3	31.2	30.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Eating & Drinking Places	85.7	85.5	85.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
Other Retail Trade	51.5	51.1	51.7	+ 0.4	- 0.2

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1988*	Oct. 1988**	Nov. 1987**	Net Change from Oct 1988	Net Change from Nov. 1987
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	84.0	84.0	84.3	0	- 0.3
Banking	24.3	24.2	25.0	+ 0.1	- 0.7
SERVICES	334.0	333.6	328.2	+ 0.4	+ 5.8
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.8	22.4	22.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.2
Personal Services	14.6	14.7	14.1	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Business Services	60.7	60.9	58.3	- 0.2	+ 2.4
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.4	9.5	9.7	- 0.1	- 0.3
Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.1	5.2	5.4	- 0.1	- 0.3
Amusement & Recreation Services	9.4	9.2	9.6	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Health Services	103.8	103.5	102.1	+ 0.3	+ 1.7
Legal Services	15.7	15.7	15.4	0	+ 0.3
Educational Services	27.9	27.7	25.4	+ 0.2	+ 2.5
Social Services	18.7	18.6	18.9	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Membership Organizations	25.0	25.1	26.1	- 0.1	- 1.1
Miscellaneous Services	15.0	14.9	14.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	312.9	312.3	316.0	+ 0.6	- 3.1
Federal	36.0	36.0	36.3	0	- 0.3
State and Local	276.9	276.3	279.7	+ 0.6	- 2.8
State	96.8	96.8	100.0	0	- 3.2
Local	180.1	179.5	179.7	+ 0.6	+ 0.4

* Preliminary **Revised
(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries
(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, with the exception of the Lake Charles LMA which is prepared under the auspices of the Louisiana Department of Labor, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. '88*	Oct. '88**	Nov. '87**	Nov. '88*	Oct. '88**	Nov. '87**	Nov. '88*	Oct. '88**	Nov. '87**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$479.14	$467.99	$450.92	43.4	42.7	42.3	$11.04	$10.96	$10.66
Durable Goods	430.42	422.73	407.53	42.7	42.4	41.5	10.08	9.97	9.82
Lumber & Wood Products	362.88	349.44	345.14	43.2	42.0	42.4	8.40	8.32	8.14
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	362.20	383.64	371.78	40.2	41.7	40.9	9.01	9.20	9.09
Fabricated Metal Products	419.78	425.04	428.56	43.5	44.0	44.0	9.65	9.66	9.74
Machinery, ex. Electrical	386.04	393.96	396.72	41.2	42.0	43.5	9.37	9.38	9.12
Electric & Electronic Equip.	598.49	570.84	505.34	43.4	42.6	38.4	13.79	13.40	13.16
Transportation Equipment	481.00	456.79	432.15	43.1	42.1	40.2	11.16	10.85	10.75
Nondurable Goods	519.20	506.11	486.76	44.0	43.0	43.0	11.80	11.77	11.32
Food & Kindred Products	324.28	307.42	318.56	44.0	41.6	44.0	7.37	7.39	7.24
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	214.48	201.28	197.55	37.3	37.0	37.7	5.75	5.44	5.24
Paper & Allied Products	583.14	568.96	582.34	43.1	43.3	42.6	13.53	13.14	13.67
Printing & Publishing	392.09	399.12	388.85	37.2	38.6	39.8	10.54	10.34	9.77
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	727.55	728.69	696.19	46.4	45.6	44.8	15.68	15.98	15.54
Petroleum & Coal Products	811.57	757.95	692.18	51.3	48.9	45.3	15.82	15.50	15.28
Petroleum Refining	835.07	778.34	702.15	51.9	49.2	45.3	16.09	15.82	15.50
MINING	543.81	538.99	528.96	46.4	45.6	45.6	11.72	11.82	11.60
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	511.56	524.07	530.24	39.2	40.5	40.2	13.05	12.94	13.19
BANKING	272.32	273.38	260.74	37.0	37.5	38.4	7.36	7.29	6.79

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 88,500 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 125,500 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 11 88				REVISED 10 88			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	22,675	20,175	2,500	11.0	22,975	20,350	2,625	11.4
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,875	8,725	1,150	11.6	9,875	8,775	1,100	11.2
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	5,925	5,100	825	13.8	5,975	5,125	850	14.3
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	15,525	13,350	2,175	14.0	15,825	13,600	2,225	14.0
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	15,125	13,700	1,425	9.4	15,450	14,075	1,375	8.9
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,625	5,950	675	10.0	6,650	5,975	675	10.3
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,325	3,800	525	11.9	4,375	3,875	500	11.3
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,600	4,075	525	11.3	4,950	4,475	475	9.5
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	3,950	3,325	625	15.9	4,275	3,625	650	15.4
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	8,075	7,350	725	8.8	8,125	7,400	725	9.0
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	9,875	8,575	1,300	13.1	10,075	8,850	1,225	12.2
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	13,125	11,675	1,450	11.0	13,175	11,750	1,425	10.9
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,125	3,450	675	16.2	4,175	3,625	550	13.3
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	9,100	8,200	900	9.9	9,175	8,350	825	9.2
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,050	11,550	1,500	11.5	13,250	11,775	1,475	11.2
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,375	7,250	1,125	13.5	8,550	7,525	1,025	12.1
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,700	5,925	775	11.7	6,800	6,000	800	11.8
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	24,650	22,100	2,550	10.3	24,875	22,250	2,625	10.6
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,550	9,900	1,650	14.3	11,850	10,050	1,800	15.2
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,275	6,675	600	8.1	7,300	6,800	500	7.0
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	11,925	10,275	1,650	13.8	12,300	10,675	1,625	13.2
JENA (LASALLE)	6,675	6,025	650	9.8	6,725	6,100	625	9.4
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	18,350	17,450	900	4.9	18,575	17,625	950	5.1
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,575	4,850	725	12.8	5,700	5,000	700	12.4
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,425	10,925	1,500	12.0	12,675	11,175	1,500	11.9
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	16,400	14,900	1,500	9.1	16,700	15,275	1,425	8.5
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	9,075	8,175	900	10.0	9,075	8,200	875	9.8
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,375	6,125	1,250	17.0	7,550	6,275	1,275	16.9
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,125	3,725	400	9.8	4,225	3,800	425	9.9
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,950	7,825	1,125	12.4	9,200	8,075	1,125	12.2
MANY (SABINE)	10,125	9,300	825	8.0	10,200	9,350	850	8.3
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,800	2,475	325	11.6	2,850	2,550	300	11.0
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,050	7,000	1,050	12.9	8,250	7,200	1,050	12.9
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	33,350	28,500	4,850	14.6	33,700	28,725	4,975	14.8
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	23,650	20,925	2,725	11.5	23,650	20,925	2,725	11.5
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	39,125	34,225	4,900	12.5	39,450	34,525	4,925	12.5
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,100	2,750	350	10.9	3,325	3,025	300	8.9
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,450	7,475	975	11.5	8,775	7,800	975	11.2
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	19,775	17,375	2,400	12.2	20,100	17,675	2,425	12.0
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,950	17,300	1,650	8.7	19,275	17,625	1,650	8.6
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	17,975	16,025	1,950	10.9	18,325	16,350	1,975	10.8
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	18,925	16,700	2,225	11.7	19,150	16,950	2,200	11.5
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,550	3,600	950	21.0	4,525	3,775	750	16.7
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,325	3,875	450	10.2	4,375	3,900	475	10.9
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,750	5,250	500	8.7	5,725	5,275	450	8.0

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1988*	Oct. 1988**	Nov. 1987**	Net Change From Oct. 1988	Net Change From Nov. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	46.2	46.1	46.3	+ 0.1	- 0.1
MANUFACTURING	3.3	3.3	3.4	0	- 0.1
Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	2.1	0	- 0.2
Lumber & Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.7	0	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	0.8	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.2	2.4	2.4	- 0.2	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11.3	11.1	11.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Retail Trade	9.1	8.9	9.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
General Merchandise	2.2	2.1	2.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.1	1.0	1.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
Other Retail Trade	3.5	3.5	3.6	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
SERVICES	11.7	11.7	11.3	0	+ 0.4
Health Services	5.1	5.1	4.9	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	12.7	12.6	13.0	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Federal	2.8	2.8	2.7	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	9.9	9.8	10.3	+ 0.1	- 0.4
State	4.6	4.6	4.9	0	- 0.3
Local	5.3	5.2	5.4	+ 0.1	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria LMA was estimated at 46,200 during the month of November. This estimate was an increase of 100 over October and 100 less than November of last year.

Employment in manufacturing was unchanged from the previous month but declined by 100 from November 1987. The decline from last year resulted from a decrease of 200 in durable goods combined with an increase of 100 in nondurable goods.

Estimated employment in nonmanufacturing was 42,900 for November. Compared to last month, November increased by 100 in local government and 200 in retail trade while declining by 200 in construction for an overall increase of 100. The overall November estimate in nonmanufacturing was unchanged compared to the same period a year ago.

During the next thirty days, the number of employed should remain fairly stable. Although a seasonal increase can be expected in retail trade, the increase could be offset by outdoor related employment being hampered by inclement weather. The number of unemployed should increase slightly due to continued reductions anticipated in state government.

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(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1988*	Oct. 1988**	Nov. 1987**	Net Change From Oct. 1988	Net Change From Nov. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	216.5	216.2	214.5	+ 0.3	+ 2.0
MANUFACTURING	19.0	18.8	18.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	3.9	3.9	3.8	0	+ 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	15.1	14.9	14.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	2.0	1.9	2.0	+ 0.1	0
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.3	10.3	10.2	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.3	1.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
MINING	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	21.1	21.1	20.3	0	+ 0.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.3	10.4	10.2	- 0.1	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	53.1	52.7	51.7	+ 0.4	+ 1.4
Wholesale Trade	11.7	11.7	11.4	0	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.9	7.9	7.7	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.7	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	41.4	41.0	40.3	+ 0.4	+ 1.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.5	13.6	13.5	- 0.1	0
Banking	3.4	3.4	3.6	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	43.9	44.0	43.6	- 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	54.8	54.8	55.7	0	- 0.9
Federal	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
State and Local	52.6	52.6	53.5	0	- 0.9
State	30.0	29.9	31.0	+ 0.1	- 1.0
Local	22.6	22.7	22.5	- 0.1	+ 0.1

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings*		
	Nov. '88*	Oct. '88**	Nov. '87**	Nov. '88*	Oct. '88**	Nov. '87**	Nov. '88*	Oct. '88**	Nov. '87**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$541.58	$544.35	$528.53	43.5	42.1	43.5	$12.45	$12.93	$12.15
Petro-Chemicals	708.53	711.17	699.52	45.8	45.5	45.9	15.47	15.63	15.24

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,600 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA, at 216,500 during November, was up 300 from the October revised estimate and up 2,000 over the comparable period a year ago.

Employment in manufacturing, at 19,000, was up 200 during the current period and up 300 over last November. Durable goods showed no change during the current period. Nondurable goods employment was up due to a seasonal increase in sugar and confectionary products, more business in miscellaneous apparel and accessories, and more business in paper mills, except building paper mills.

Total nonmanufacturing was up 100 during the current period. Employment in transportation and public utilities was down due to declines in sewerage systems and in local and suburban passenger transportation. Retail trade was up due to more business in lumber and other building materials dealers, in variety stores, and in grocery stores. Finance, insurance and real estate was down due to less business in fire, marine, and casualty insurance. Services was down due to less demand in nursing and personal care facilities and in hospitals. A small increase in state government was offset by a decline in local government.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge LMA's 12,600 production workers in all manufacturing was $541.58, down $2.77 from the October revised average. Average weekly hours, at 43.5, were up 1.4 hours. Average hourly earnings, at $12.45, were down $0.48 per hour. More overtime by lower paid employees contributed to these changes.

The total employment of Baton Rouge LMA's residents was 242,600 during November, down 1,300 from the revised October estimate and up 400 over the year ago total. Unemployment, at 23,400, had no change during the current period and was up 1,700 from November of last year. The local unemployment rate for November was 8.8 percent, compared to 8.7 percent for October and 8.2 percent for last November. Baton Rouge's civilian labor force totaled 266,000 during November, down 1,300 from the prior month and up 2,100 over the total for last November.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 2,904 individuals with new or renewal applications and placed 718 applicants in jobs during November.

The consumer price index for October, 1988 for all urban consumers was 120.2 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 118.9 using base period 1982-84 = 100.

Employment is expected to continue seasonal gains during the coming months, while the unemployment rate will remain steady.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1988*	Oct. 1988**	Nov. 1987**	Net Change From Oct. 1988	Net Change From Nov. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53.8	53.7	52.7	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
MANUFACTURING	4.5	4.6	4.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
Durable Goods	2.8	2.9	2.8	- 0.1	0
Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 0.1
MINING	5.8	5.8	5.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	1.8	1.8	1.4	0	+ 0.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.2	6.2	5.7	0	+ 0.5
Water Transportation	3.9	3.9	3.4	0	+ 0.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.6	13.5	13.6	+ 0.1	0
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.8	2.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	10.7	10.7	10.8	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.3	3.0	0	+ 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.1	2.3	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	9.2	9.1	8.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
GOVERNMENT	10.6	10.6	10.7	0	- 0.1
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.4	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	10.1	10.1	10.3	0	- 0.2
State	2.9	2.9	3.0	0	- 0.1
Local	7.2	7.2	7.3	0	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA in November edged up to 53,800, a level 100 above October. Changes were minor and mostly seasonal. Since November 1987, total employment showed a gain of 1,100.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,500 in November, down 100 from the previous month. The durable goods segment lost 100 due to less business. Nondurable goods remained at the same level as the previous month.

Mining held steady. Construction showed no change. Transportation and public utilities remained unchanged. Wholesale trade added workers in the nondurable goods sector. Retail trade exhibited no overall change as seasonal decreases in some segments offset seasonal increases in others. Finance, insurance and real estate displayed no significant change in any industry. Services showed an overall gain of 100 spread through several industries. Government stayed at the same level in each major sector.

Estimated unemployment in November moved down to 6,200, a level 100 below October. Unemployment presently comprises 8.9 percent of the labor force, compared to 9.0 percent in October and 11.3 percent in November of last year. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 786.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show normal seasonal changes. Retail trade will likely move up in December as shopping for the holiday season nears its peak, then will move back down to normal levels in January. Mining and construction will be hindered by winter weather conditions. Unemployment is predicted to show a small decrease as employment seasonally increases.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1988*	Oct. 1988**	Nov. 1987**	Net Change From Oct. 1988	Net Change From Nov. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	84.8	84.0	82.6	+ 0.8	+ 2.2
MANUFACTURING	6.1	6.1	6.1	0	0
Durable Goods	1.4	1.5	1.4	- 0.1	0
Nondurable Goods	4.7	4.6	4.7	+ 0.1	0
Food & Kindred Products	1.8	1.7	1.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
MINING	10.8	10.5	10.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
CONSTRUCTION	3.6	3.4	3.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.9	5.9	5.6	0	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	23.6	23.2	22.3	+ 0.4	+ 1.3
Wholesale Trade	5.4	5.4	5.2	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.2	3.2	3.0	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Retail Trade	18.2	17.8	17.1	+ 0.4	+ 1.1
General Merchandise	3.1	2.9	2.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Food Stores	2.9	2.9	2.8	0	+ 0.1
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade	10.4	10.2	9.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.5	3.5	3.8	0	- 0.3
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.2	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	18.4	18.5	18.2	- 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	12.9	12.9	12.9	0	0
Federal	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
State and Local	12.1	12.1	12.0	0	+ 0.1
State	5.1	5.2	5.2	- 0.1	- 0.1
Local	7.0	6.9	6.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette LMA was estimated at 84,800, an increase of 800 workers from the October 1988 estimate. Compared to a year ago, employment in this LMA has increased by 2,200.

Mining was estimated at 10,800 workers, an increase of 300 from the prior month and 400 above the November 1987 estimate. Construction rose by 200 for the second month in a row. The increase was centered in heavy construction and in special trade contractors. Wholesale and retail trade showed an overall increase of 400 due to hiring for the holiday season. Services showed a minimal decrease of 100.

All other segments showed little or no change from the previous month.

The unemployment rate for the next thirty days may increase due to lower employment in mining. Employment will remain close to the current level.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1988*	Oct. 1988**	Nov. 1987**	Net Change From Oct. 1988	Net Change From Nov. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.3	58.3	57.8	0	+ 0.5
MANUFACTURING	10.9	11.0	11.0	- 0.1	- 0.1
Durable Goods	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
Nondurable Goods	8.4	8.5	8.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.2	0.2	0.3	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.7	7.8	7.6	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
MINING	0.9	0.8	0.9	+ 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	4.0	4.1	3.6	- 0.1	+ 0.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.9	4.0	3.8	- 0.1	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.1	14.0	14.5	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.8	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	11.2	11.1	11.7	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.4	2.2	2.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.5	3.5	3.9	0	- 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.0	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	11.6	11.6	11.2	0	+ 0.4
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Personal Services	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
GOVERNMENT	10.2	10.1	10.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.6	9.5	9.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
State	3.1	3.1	3.6	0	- 0.5
Local	6.5	6.4	5.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.7

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles LMA for November 1988 was estimated at 58,300, unchanged from the previous month, but 500 above the November 1987 estimate.

Manufacturing decreased by 100 in November due to a loss of workers in the chemical and petroleum products industry. Mining increased by 100 since last month, but shows no increase from November of last year. Construction showed a loss of 100 workers due to inclement weather. Wholesale and retail trade was up by 100 due to seasonal hiring. Government also showed an increase of 100.

The outlook for the next thirty days is for continued growth in employment in trade, with no change in the unemployment rate.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1988*	Oct. 1988**	Nov. 1987**	Net Change From Oct. 1988	Net Change From Nov. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.7	54.2	54.4	+ 0.5	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	7.3	7.3	7.0	0	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	2.1	2.2	2.2	- 0.1	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.9	2.0	2.0	- 0.1	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	5.2	5.1	4.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Chemical & Allied Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	4.0	3.9	3.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
MINING	0.4	0.3	0.4	+ 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.7	2.6	2.7	+ 0.1	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.2	14.1	14.8	+ 0.1	- 0.6
Wholesale Trade	3.7	3.8	3.8	- 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	10.5	10.3	11.0	+ 0.2	- 0.5
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.5	2.5	2.7	0	- 0.2
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.2	0	- 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	3.4	3.3	3.5	+ 0.1	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.5	4.5	4.6	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	11.8	11.8	11.6	0	+ 0.2
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Personal Services	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Health Services	5.3	5.3	5.2	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	11.3	11.1	10.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.7	10.5	10.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
State	5.1	5.0	4.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Local	5.6	5.5	5.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe LMA during mid-November was estimated at 54,700. This was a gain of 500 workers over the month of October.

Manufacturing remained stable at 7,300 workers. Minimal gains in nondurable goods were offset by minimal losses in durable goods.

Mining was up by 100 to an estimated 400 workers. Wholesale and retail trade was up by 100. Wholesale trade was down, while retail trade reflected the beginning of the holiday season. Government was up by 200 as student programs were put in place. All other segments remained unchanged.

Employment should remain relatively stable as increases in employment in trade offset losses in segments affected by weather conditions. Unemployment will remain high with only slight decreases.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1988*	Oct. 1988**	Nov. 1987**	Net Change From Oct. 1988	Net Change From Nov. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	518.3	518.1	511.2	+ 0.2	+ 7.1
MANUFACTURING	43.1	43.0	42.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Durable Goods	22.2	22.1	20.8	+ 0.1	+ 1.4
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.1	2.2	2.2	- 0.1	- 0.1
Machinery	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 0.1
Transportation Equipment	13.7	13.5	12.4	+ 0.2	+ 1.3
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	10.1	9.9	8.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.4
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	20.9	20.9	21.7	0	- 0.8
Food & Kindred Products	6.0	5.9	6.4	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.6	1.7	1.8	- 0.1	- 0.2
Paper & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.8	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.0	4.0	3.9	0	+ 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.5	4.5	4.6	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
MINING	15.5	15.3	14.5	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.6	14.4	13.5	+ 0.2	+ 1.1
CONSTRUCTION	23.4	25.2	21.8	- 1.8	+ 1.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	44.7	44.5	43.4	+ 0.2	+ 1.3
Railroad Transportation	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Water Transportation	13.2	13.1	12.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	134.2	132.9	135.2	+ 1.3	- 1.0
Wholesale Trade	32.2	32.1	31.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.7	18.5	18.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.5	13.6	13.5	- 0.1	0
Retail Trade	102.0	100.8	103.7	+ 1.2	- 1.7
General Merchandise	14.2	14.0	13.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Food Stores	19.2	18.8	19.1	+ 0.4	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	34.1	33.9	35.3	+ 0.2	- 1.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.3	33.5	34.1	- 0.2	- 0.8
Banking	7.3	7.2	7.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
SERVICES	138.0	137.9	134.6	+ 0.1	+ 3.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13.2	13.1	12.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Health Services	37.0	37.1	36.0	- 0.1	+ 1.0
GOVERNMENT	86.1	85.8	85.1	+ 0.3	+ 1.0
Federal	16.0	15.9	16.0	+ 0.1	0
State and Local	70.1	69.9	69.1	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
State	18.6	18.7	19.0	- 0.1	- 0.4
Local	51.5	51.2	50.1	+ 0.3	+ 1.4

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. '88*	Oct. '88**	Nov. '87**	Nov. '88*	Oct. '88**	Nov. '87**	Nov. '88*	Oct. '88**	Nov. '87**
All MANUFACTURING	$446.76	440.26	427.35	41.1	41.3	40.7	$10.87	$10.66	$10.50
Durable Goods	381.74	382.58	383.11	39.6	40.7	39.7	9.64	9.40	9.65
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	244.08	274.05	296.56	27.0	29.0	32.2	9.04	9.45	9.21
Fabricated Metal Products	415.20	365.40	380.09	40.0	40.6	38.2	10.38	9.00	9.95
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	371.68	373.75	360.99	40.4	41.9	38.9	9.20	8.92	9.28
Nondurable Goods	517.45	502.74	469.54	42.8	42.0	41.7	12.09	11.97	11.26
Food & Kindred Products	318.75	315.74	334.23	37.5	36.8	39.0	8.50	8.58	8.57
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	182.38	184.26	156.50	33.1	36.2	31.3	5.51	5.09	5.00
Paper & Allied Products	399.36	392.00	422.26	47.6	46.5	45.6	8.39	8.43	9.26
Printing & Publishing	374.36	379.53	365.45	37.7	39.7	42.2	9.93	9.56	8.66
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	766.18	763.04	734.57	47.5	45.5	45.4	16.13	16.77	16.18

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 29,900 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in November increased to 518,300, a level 200 above October. Gains in some industry divisions were offset slightly by losses in others. Over the year, nonagricultural employment gained 7,100 workers, with increases in all industry divisions except finance, insurance and real estate, and retail trade.

Manufacturing employment totaled 43,100, up 100 over the previous month. A loss of 100 in fabricated metal products was offset by an increase of 200 in ship and boat building and repairing due to an increase in business. Food and kindred products added 100 due to seasonal increases, but this gain was offset by a loss of 100 in the apparel and other textile products segment of nondurable goods.

Mining moved up with principal gains in the oil and gas extraction segment. Construction experienced a marked decrease resulting from the completion of large projects combined with a normal seasonal downturn. Transportation and public utilities added workers mostly in the utilities segment. Wholesale and retail trade exhibited significant seasonal increases. Finance, insurance and real estate adjusted downward. Services continued its upward trend, remaining the focus of growth of employment in this area and comprising better than twenty-five percent of this LMA's total nonagricultural employment. Government showed an increase due to hiring in the federal and local government segments.

Production workers in the New Orleans LMA earned an average of $446.76 per week in November, up $6.50 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 41.1, down 0.2 hours from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $10.87, up $0.21 from the previous month. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are up $19.41 in manufacturing

Estimated unemployment in November moved down to 51,500, a level 800 below October. Seasonal factors were partly responsible for the decrease. Joblessness presently comprises 8.6 percent of the labor force compared with 8.6 percent in October and 8.5 percent in November of last year. The November rate was lower than the state rate of 9.6 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 7,875.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show an overall increase. Wholesale and retail trade will increase with holiday season shopping. Amusement services will benefit from the opening of the racing season and interest in other sports and cultural activities. Unemployment will probably decrease slightly as employment increases.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1988*	Oct. 1988**	Nov. 1987**	Net Change From Oct. 1988	Net Change From Nov. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	132.2	132.5	134.2	- 0.3	- 2.0
MANUFACTURING	17.0	17.3	17.5	- 0.3	- 0.5
Durable Goods	12.1	12.5	12.6	- 0.4	- 0.5
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Metals and Machinery	6.9	7.3	7.3	- 0.4	- 0.4
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.7	1.7	1.5	0	+ 0.2
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.2	5.6	5.8	- 0.4	- 0.6
Other Durable Goods	4.8	4.8	4.8	0	0
Nondurable Good	4.9	4.8	4.9	+ 0.1	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.1	2.2	+ 0.1	0
MINING	2.9	2.9	3.2	0	- 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	7.7	7.7	7.5	0	+ 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.0	8.0	8.3	0	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	32.0	31.8	32.7	+ 0.2	- 0.7
Wholesale Trade	7.6	7.6	7.9	0	- 0.3
Retail Trade	24.4	24.2	24.8	+ 0.2	- 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.9	6.9	7.2	0	- 0.3
SERVICES	32.3	32.8	32.5	- 0.5	- 0.2
GOVERNMENT	25.4	25.1	25.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
Federal	4.7	4.7	4.7	0	0
State and Local	20.7	20.4	20.6	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
State	6.1	6.1	6.0	0	+ 0.1
Local	14.6	14.3	14.6	+ 0.3	0

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. '88*	Oct. '88**	Nov. '87**	Nov. '88*	Oct. '88**	Nov. '87**	Nov. '88*	Oct. '88**	Nov. '87**
All MANUFACTURING	$509.22	$479.64	$454.25	42.4	41.1	39.5	$12.01	$11.67	$11.50
Lumber and Wood Products	319.02	274.88	218.42	37.4	33.4	33.5	8.53	8.23	6.52
Metals and Machinery	463.86	466.40	484.86	42.4	42.4	41.3	10.94	11.00	11.74
Food and Kindred Products	343.12	333.63	316.71	42.1	41.6	40.5	8.15	8.02	7.82
Printing and Publishing	280.44	345.80	336.78	32.8	36.4	35.6	8.55	9.50	9.46
Petroleum and Coal Products	574.98	560.41	538.87	44.4	46.2	42.7	12.95	12.13	12.62

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,400 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in November increased to 518,300, a level 200 above October. Gains in some industry divisions were offset slightly by losses in others. Over the year, nonagricultural employment gained 7,100 workers, with increases in all industry divisions except finance, insurance and real estate, and retail trade.

Manufacturing employment totaled 43,100, up 100 over the previous month. A loss of 100 in fabricated metal products was offset by an increase of 200 in ship and boat building and repairing due to an increase in business. Food and kindred products added 100 due to seasonal increases, but this gain was offset by a loss of 100 in the apparel and other textile products segment of nondurable goods.

Mining moved up with principal gains in the oil and gas extraction segment. Construction experienced a marked decrease resulting from the completion of large projects combined with a normal seasonal downturn. Transportation and public utilities added workers mostly in the utilities segment. Wholesale and retail trade exhibited significant seasonal increases. Finance, insurance and real estate adjusted downward. Services continued its upward trend, remaining the focus of growth of employment in this area and comprising better than twenty-five percent of this LMA's total nonagricultural employment. Government showed an increase due to hiring in the federal and local government segments.

Production workers in the New Orleans LMA earned an average of $446.76 per week in November, up $6.50 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 41.1, down 0.2 hours from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $10.87, up $0.21 from the previous month. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are up $19.41 in manufacturing

Estimated unemployment in November moved down to 51,500, a level 800 below October. Seasonal factors were partly responsible for the decrease. Joblessness presently comprises 8.6 percent of the labor force compared with 8.6 percent in October and 8.5 percent in November of last year. The November rate was lower than the state rate of 9.6 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 7,875.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show an overall increase. Wholesale and retail trade will increase with holiday season shopping. Amusement services will benefit from the opening of the racing season and interest in other sports and cultural activities. Unemployment will probably decrease slightly as employment increases.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The nonagricultural employment total in the Shreveport LMA decreased to 132,200, a drop from 132,500 in October and from 134,200 one year ago. Job losses from October to November occurred in durable goods manufacturing. Total nonmanufacturing employment was unchanged.

The total manufacturing employment estimate of 17,000 compares to 17,300 in October and 17,500 one year ago. Reduced production of communications equipment caused a job loss of 400 in durable goods manufacturing during the past month. There was a small gain in other nondurable goods employment, resulting from increased production of chemicals and allied products.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment for the area was unchanged. The employment growth in retail trade and government was eliminated by an equal job loss in services caused by a seasonal cutback in amusement and recreation services.

An estimate of 12,400 production workers in manufacturing had average weekly earnings of $509.22, up $29.58 from the October weekly average and up $54.97 from November, 1987. Average weekly hours increased to 42.4, an increase of 1.3 hours from last month and up 2.5 hours more than one year ago. Average hourly earnings of $12.01 are $0.34 more than the previous month and up $0.51 from the year ago average.

The civilian labor force was estimated at 163,400, including 148,100 employed and 15,300 unemployed. The unemployment rate for the Shreveport area was 9.4 percent in November, compared to 9.4 percent for October revised and 9.2 percent for November 1987.

Employment changes during the next sixty days are expected to be seasonal. Retail trade will cut back on the number of temporary and part-time employees, while adverse weather conditions will affect construction and other outdoor activities. Total unemployment will remain high and will likely rise above the 16,000 level.

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF NOVEMBER 1988

Industry	LOUISIANA			ALEXANDRIA AREA			BATON ROUGE AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	1,850	1,578	272	41	41	0	23	19	4
Contract Construction (15-17)	7,724	5,291	2,433	190	147	43	1,499	1,066	433
Manufacturing (20-29)	3,694	1,885	1,809	93	37	56	199	115	84
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	1,737	979	758	42	23	19	204	100	104
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	1,103	780	323	39	32	7	135	93	42
Retail Trade (52-59)	4,920	2,853	2,067	184	117	67	583	287	296
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	1,327	1,040	287	22	18	4	224	168	56
Services & Misc. (70-89 and 01-09)	7,362	4,089	3,273	240	159	81	951	570	381
Public Administration (91-97)	1,468	768	700	71	45	26	251	114	137
All Others	123	60	63	0	0	0	29	9	20
Totals	31,308	19,323	11,985	922	619	303	4,098	2,541	1,557
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	4,175	3,311	864	120	103	17	610	487	123
Clerical and Sales	7,158	5,110	2,048	237	172	65	969	640	329
Services Occupations	3,845	1,221	2,624	166	61	105	427	112	315
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	489	189	300	20	13	7	15	8	7
Processing Occupations	587	301	286	6	2	4	63	35	28
Machine Trades	1,417	970	447	53	49	4	168	109	59
Benchwork Occupations	930	442	488	17	9	8	62	36	26
Structural Work Occupations	7,763	5,070	2,693	202	149	53	1,382	910	472
Miscellaneous Occupations	4,944	2,709	2,235	101	61	40	402	204	198
Totals	31,308	19,323	11,985	922	619	303	4,098	2,541	1,557

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF NOVEMBER 1988

Industry	HOUMA-THIBODAUX AREA			LAFAYETTE AREA			LAKE CHARLES AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	132	109	23	327	266	61	44	43	1
Contract Construction (15-17)	184	155	29	218	155	63	401	328	73
Manufacturing (20-29)	171	135	36	157	102	55	102	62	40
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	94	73	21	52	38	14	44	40	4
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	42	40	2	63	55	8	20	12	8
Retail Trade (52-59)	135	101	34	295	187	108	212	138	74
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	29	26	3	91	80	11	51	48	3
Services & Misc. (70-89 and 01-09)	163	114	49	346	212	134	296	196	100
Public Administration (91-97)	36	22	14	42	21	21	49	30	19
All Others	0	0	0	4	2	2	1	0	1
Totals	986	775	211	1,595	1,118	477	1,220	897	323
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	106	99	7	256	218	38	158	138	20
Clerical and Sales	178	151	27	420	359	61	286	237	49
Services Occupations	105	65	40	215	70	145	152	57	95
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	12	8	4	17	10	7	30	6	24
Processing Occupations	75	56	19	72	38	34	26	22	4
Machine Trades	51	42	9	70	56	14	40	33	7
Benchwork Occupations	7	4	3	31	15	16	16	14	2
Structural Work Occupations	253	205	48	290	192	98	368	288	80
Miscellaneous Occupations	199	145	54	224	160	64	144	102	42
Totals	986	775	211	1,595	1,118	477	1,220	897	323

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF NOVEMBER 1988

Industry	MONROE AREA			NEW ORLEANS AREA			SHREVEPORT AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	37	35	2	99	61	38	89	86	3
Contract Construction (15-17)	281	214	67	1,292	781	511	546	324	222
Manufacturing (20-29)	84	40	44	779	385	394	375	163	212
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	28	17	11	752	345	407	113	59	54
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	23	14	9	355	220	135	146	100	46
Retail Trade (52-59)	254	161	93	1,470	713	757	552	294	258
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	36	31	5	472	333	139	187	153	34
Services & Misc. (70-89 and 01-09)	297	180	117	2,450	1,165	1,285	659	319	340
Public Administration (91-97)	48	21	27	352	141	211	109	60	49
All Others	2	2	0	49	28	21	3	1	2
Totals	1,090	715	375	8,070	4,172	3,898	2,779	1,559	1,220
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	141	123	18	1,448	1,055	393	374	308	66
Clerical and Sales	318	245	73	2,189	1,321	868	736	546	190
Services Occupations	139	25	114	1,199	309	890	395	68	327
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	8	1	7	78	28	50	39	12	27
Processing Occupations	8	3	5	103	30	73	28	11	17
Machine Trades	52	40	12	314	206	108	159	70	89
Benchwork Occupations	19	11	8	189	65	124	97	42	55
Structural Work Occupations	210	163	47	1,369	747	622	552	326	226
Miscellaneous Occupations	195	104	91	1,181	411	770	399	176	223
Totals	1,090	715	375	8,070	4,172	3,898	2,779	1,559	1,220